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The following is allegedly a translation of a recent circular issued by the Fronte della Gioventu (Youth Front), which has its headquarters in the Casa del Popolo, Via Saluzzo, Genoa: (Comment: According to a previous report the Youth Front headquarters are in the Villa Posazza Dinegro in Genoa.)

Fronte della Gioventu
Genoa Provincial Committee

Genoa, 22 July 1947

Committee for Aid to the
Spanish Anti-Franco Youth

To All Circles of the Fronte della Gioventu, and Circles of the ANPI
(Associazione Nazionale Partigiani Italiani).

Dear Friends:

As you have learned from the press, for a time there has been a great national effort to aid the anti-Franco youth. Our friend, Alvaro Lopez, has held many meetings which have had strong repercussions. Everywhere there has been an upsurge of initiative to aid the young Spanish guerrillas.

Many committees have been set up in the factories and in the delegations, but such committees must be set up in every factory and in every delegation.

Our main political objective must be that of conducting a thorough-going campaign to aid the Spanish anti-Franco movement. We young Italian democrats who know the injustice and atrociousness of Fascism must revolt against the regime which continues unpunished even in another land.

We must remember that to aid the Spanish guerrillas is to hasten the downfall of the Falange means to hasten the end of Fascism in all the world.

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We must form committees to help Spanish anti-Franco youth by establishing contacts with all the democratic associations of the ANPI, the UDI (Unione Donne Italiane), the ARI, the CLN (Comitati di Liberazione), and all democratic parties. We must propagandize the struggle of the Spanish guerrillas, reviving the best traditions of our Garibaldi brigades in Spain.

We must utilize this challenge of the anti-Democrats for a battle of all democratic youth for friendship among all peoples.

To this end every committee is given freedom of initiative. Every propaganda drive is useful, but we must center our efforts mainly to achieve concrete assistance on the financial plane.

We must earnestly set to work to continue the work of rebirth which the popular resistance movements have been and still are carrying on, even if the Government tries to oppose with all its means this initiative of ours.

Recently the young Spanish member of the resistance movement, Alvaro Lopez, was threatened with expulsion. The best answer to this anti-democratic act has been the initiative we have taken.

From all parts of Italy telegrams have been sent to the Ministry of the Interior and the Constituent Assembly protesting and showing indignation for this act of injustice.

We have won a great victory. Lopez will remain in Italy. This means that we have won the first battle of the democratic youth in its fight against the Franco regime. But we must not stop here. We must show the spirit which animates all Italian youth, and the sentiments of the people in a more concrete manner -- by providing financial aid.

We must immediately form the delegation committees in which the representatives of the various parties and associations must officially participate. We must immediately start our activities by publicizing our initiative through wall posters, the radio, and the press. We must popularize our campaign by selling membership cards of the friends of the anti-Franco youth and the emblems which can be picked up at the headquarters of the committee located at the Fronte della Gioventu. These must be sold at our party meetings to the other associations and to all friends. We must ask for contributions so as to give a concrete support.

The flag of the Free Spanish guerrillas will be given at an official ceremony to the circle or association which distinguishes itself for collecting the largest amount of money.

Who will get the flag? Sestri, Voltri, Rivarolo, or perhaps some factory?

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Within the next few days our delegation will leave for the international festival at Frague. On this occasion our city must be in the forefront, showing a solidarity with the Spanish guerrillas, who are also going clandestinely to the meeting. If it is possible, prepare some symbolic gifts.

Forward with the campaign! More Means for the Young Spanish Guerrillas!

For the Provincial Committee

(Signed): Barbianti

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